

MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

U.S. Embassy, Manila, The Philippines

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Deadlines for the June 4 Missouri Special Election

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The State of Missouri will conduct a Special Election on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, for the 8th Congressional District, which consists of the following counties: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Stoddard, Texas, Washington, Wayne and Wright. The vacancy is due to the resignation of Representative JoAnn Emerson.

Voter registration is not required for this Special Election; however military and overseas voters must submit a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request a ballot. Any military or overseas voter who wishes to participate in this election must complete a new FPCA; participating in a previous election will not trigger a ballot being sent for this election.

Missouri allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email or fax. You may choose to use the automated tool at FVAP.gov to prepare and print your FPCA. FPCAs are also available in embassies, consulates and military installations around the world. Be sure to indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (by mail, email or fax).

Your spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child or grandchild may, on your behalf, make an in-person request with your local election official to mail a ballot to your current location.

You may also choose to register to vote using the FPCA; this will allow you to vote in State and local elections during 2013. If you choose to register using the FPCA the form must be mailed directly to your local election official with a postmark no later than Wednesday, May 8. However, to vote in this Special Election only, your FPCA must be received by mail, email or fax by 5 p.m., CST, Wednesday, May 29.

**** Important Dates****

- Ballot sent to you from election authority (if requested by April 20) - Saturday, April 20
- FPCA request deadline for military and overseas voters - 5 p.m., CST, Wednesday, May 29
- Voted paper ballot must be received by local election office - 7 p.m., CST, Tuesday, June 4
- Voted ballot transmitted by fax or email for members of the military in imminent danger pay zones only - 7 p.m., CST, Tuesday, June 4

Missouri only allows you to return a voted ballot by email or fax if you are a member of the military and are serving in an Imminent Danger Pay location.

If you applied for an absentee ballot in a timely fashion and are concerned about not receiving your ballot in time to vote, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). The FWAB automated tool is available at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov). The FWAB is also available in embassies, consulates, and military installations around the world.

To determine the status of your absentee ballot request, contact your local election office. You can find contact information for your voting jurisdiction at <https://www.fvap.gov/r3/jurisdictions/MO>. You can also track the status of your ballot at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/military/default.asp#trackBallot>.

Go to [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov) to fill out and print your forms today! Additional information on the completion and submission of these forms is available on the site along with Missouri voter-specific information.

The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines and is open 0730-1600, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (632) 301-2000. American citizens needing to speak to the Embassy can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at ACSInfoManila@state.gov or through the [Embassy Facebook page](#). Please visit [our website](#) for information on all services offered by the ACS unit.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens travelling to our residing in the Philippines enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) program. Registering gives you access to updated information on travel and security within the Philippines and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact you in case of emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

You can also stay up to date by bookmarking the [Department of State's website](#), which contains all current [Travel Warnings](#) and [Travel Alerts](#), as well as the current [Worldwide Caution](#). Please consult the [Country Specific Information on the Philippines](#), for general information about the Philippines. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. Embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by "following" us on [Twitter](#) and "liking" the Bureau of Consular Affairs on [Facebook](#). You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android market](#), to have travel information at your fingertips.